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Dear Greg,

What you asked me to keep in confidence is a good idea. I hope that you see your way clear to make the effort and that it then gets the attention it warrants.

There is something you should know about Gwinn: he remains friendly with the FBI and always was. Even when I gave him what it said about him behind his back. The FBI not only didn't trust him to do the JFK NAAs, it froze him out and said nasty things about him. Gallagher, in particular.

Long after that he did the NAA work for HSCA. I was able to anticipate some of this accurately and primed a reporter to ask him outside the hearing room, after he testified. He then admitted that he not only could not validate the specimens he tested- not one of them met its official description.

But he omitted this in his testimony, when personal and professional honor and integrity demanded that he make it clear. Without going into details, he had reason to suspect that all those small specimens came from a single source, not from different bullets. (I think they were all cut from the base of 399 in the FBI Lab and I can make out more of a case for this than I did in Post Mortem, having deposed FBI Lab agents, including Gallagher and Frazier.)

You may have little or no choice now and I don't know who to suggest as a substitute if you can make a substitution. Moreover, I don't know that any other expert you might get does not have the same complications in his life.

I write to inform you and so you can keep your eyes - and mind - wide open.

Best,

Harold